

Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate¹ and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work² involving musculoskeletal disorders³ by selected natures of injury or illness, Texas, 2000

Nature		Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total		35,573	12	50.8	3.3
02	Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	26,363	7	37.6	3.4
021	Sprains, strains, tears	26,363	7	37.6	3.4
09	Other traumatic injuries and disorders	4,213	34	6.0	5.1
097	Nonspecified injuries and disorders	4,213	34	6.0	5.1
0972	Back pain, hurt back	1,831	13	2.6	7.0
0973	Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	2,381	79	3.4	6.3
12	Nervous system and sense organs diseases	2,381	39	3.4	6.3
124	Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	2,381	39	3.4	6.3
1241	Carpal tunnel syndrome	2,381	39	3.4	6.3
15	Digestive system diseases and disorders	1,475	28	2.1	7.7
153	Hernia	1,475	28	2.1	7.7
1530	Hernia, unspecified	1,115	27	1.6	8.7
1531	Inguinal hernia	222	21	0.3	18.5
1533	Ventral hernia	77	40	0.1	31.3
1539	Hernia, n.e.c.	61	36	0.1	35.0
17	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	1,140	30	1.6	8.6
170	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, unspecified	--	--	--	--
171	Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
172	Dorsopathies	88	10	0.1	29.3
1721	Sciatica	--	--	--	--
1729	Dorsopathies, n.e.c.	86	9	0.1	29.7
173	Rheumatism, except the back	1,040	30	1.5	9.0
1730	Rheumatism, except the back, unspecified	--	--	--	--
1731	Bursitis	--	--	--	--
1732	Synovitis	--	--	--	--
1733	Tendonitis	462	32	0.7	13.0
1734	Tenosynovitis	75	36	0.1	31.6
1735	Ganglion/cystic tumor	115	11	0.2	25.6
1739	Rheumatism, except the back, n.e.c.	325	58	0.5	15.4
174	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities	--	--	--	--
1749	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
179	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--

¹ Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: (N / EH) X 20,000,000 where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,
EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,
20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

² Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

³ Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, July 10, 2003